

Report to the Montana Legislature
Six Month Out-of State Placement and Monitoring Report
July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

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Youth in Out of State Placements: July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 (6 months) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) and Therapeutic Group Homes (TGH)				
Source of Funding for Placement	Medicaid only	Medicaid plus at least one other state agency	Non-Medicaid but funded by state agency	Total
Unduplicated number of youth in out of state PRTFs or TGHs	25	25	33	83
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about youth in out of state acute psychiatric hospitals has been omitted. These admissions are generally brief, and are either in border facilities or in a facility near a PRTF out of state. For purposes of reference, the total number youth in an out of state placement during the previous two state fiscal years was: SFY 2009 (12 months) = 127 SFY 2010 (12 months) = 100 				

The chart below applies to only 58 of 83 youth placed out of state: those who had either Medicaid plus one or more agency funding or Non-Medicaid funding support the placement. The 25 youth who had only Medicaid funding are excluded.

System Utilization of Out of State Placements to Private PRTFs or TGH July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010				
	Child and Family Services Placements	Juvenile Probation Placements	Dept of Corrections Placements	School District Placements
Agency placement or funding <u>plus Medicaid</u>	12	14	0	0
Agency funding (sometimes more than one agency involved) <u>without Medicaid</u>	12	18	4	0
Total agency placements out of state during 6 months	24	32	4	0

**New Out-Of-State Admissions Funded by Medicaid
July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010**

Medicaid Admissions to Out of State Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

Thirteen (13) youth funded by Medicaid were admitted to out of state placements during this period.
The following information was collected about those thirteen Medicaid admissions:

Legal Guardian				
Child and Family Services	Adoptive Parents	Biological Parents	Other Caretaker Relative	
2	3	4	4	
Referral Source				
Acute Hospital	PRTF	Therapeutic Group Home	Corrections or Youth Court	
9	0	1	2	
Previous Treatment Prior to Hospital Care				
PRTF	TGH	Multiple Services	Community Services	None or Unknown
1	4	6	1	1

Medicaid Admissions to Out of State Therapeutic Group Home (TGH)

Fifteen (15) youth funded by Medicaid were admitted to Normative Services, Inc. in Wyoming during this period.

Administrative rule requires the youth must be denied admission by all three in-state PRTFs prior to going to an out of state PRTF.

Reason(s) given by in state PRTFs for not admitting the thirteen (13) youth who were subsequently admitted to an out of state PRTF:

1. Lack of bed availability.	2
2. History of multiple PRTF placements without response to treatment.	10
3. Severe violence/physical aggression, Facility can't assure safety.	8
4. Disregard for limit setting by staff, requiring 1;1 staff more that 75% of time.	5
5. Minimal response to psychotropic medications in reduction of severe psychiatric symptoms.	0
6. Severe suicide risk based on multiple attempts over recent six month period.	7

7. Established pattern of antisocial behavior with no documented response to treatment.	5
8. Specific symptoms/diagnosis that is not responding to medical or psychological treatment.	0
9. Primary presenting problem is chemical dependency. No prior substance abuse treatment and inpatient CD treatment is indicated.	0
10. Developmentally disabled or IQ/neuron-psych deficits. Too impaired to benefit from treatment offered.	7
11. Medical condition requiring specialized services beyond the capacity of facility.	4
12. One or only presenting problem is sexually reactive or sex offending behavior.	1
13. Autism Spectrum Disorder.	0
14. Fire setting behavior.	0
15. Elopement risk.	0
16. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorder.	0
17. Neuro-psychiatric disorder.	0
18. Age inappropriate (too young or too old).	1
19. Other reasons not admitted: a. Child will not relate with current milieu b. Child will not be an appropriate candidate for our program c. Cannot manage child on current milieu d. Child's sibling is currently at the facility and it would be detrimental to sibling's treatment here due to their volatile history	4

Cost of youth Medicaid funded youth placed out of state: 7/1/10 through 12/31/10
Note: Since cost information for the period 7/1/2010 through 12/31/2010 is incomplete, costs will be reported on SFY 2011 in the next six month report.

Efforts the Department has initiated to avoid out of state placements:

The Children's Mental Health Bureau has initiated a variety of significant efforts intended to control, and where possible, reduce out-of-state placements in therapeutic group homes and psychiatric residential treatment facilities. The following activities described those efforts during the past six months.

1. Each out of state PRTF has been surveyed about the specialty care the facility provides and how it is provided. The results have been compiled and made available to state agencies and in-state providers to guide appropriate out of state placements. The survey will be repeated annually and the results updated.

2. Medicaid enrollment of new out of state PRTF providers remains suspended, unless there is there is a youth with a specific need that cannot be met by any already enrolled provider and no enrolled provider will accept the youth.
3. Children's Mental Health Bureau has opened two new PRTF "waiver" sites (Helena and Great Falls), in addition to the currently operating sites in Billings and Missoula. The PRTF "waiver" program offers community alternatives to youth and families in these communities in lieu of admission to a psychiatric residential treatment facility.
4. Beginning 7/1/2011 a denial from the PRTF waiver program will be required in communities where it is available, in addition to a denial from the three in-state PRTFs, before a youth can be admitted to an out of state facility.
5. CMHB regional and Magellan staff seek alternatives to out of state admissions by contacting qualified Montana providers. (For SFY 2010 admissions to out-of-state PRTFs averaged 14% of all admissions to PRTFs compared with 26% SFY 2004)
6. In calendar year 2009 the certification rate from Magellan, the state's utilization management contractor, for admissions to PRTFs was 83%. Less than 80% of requests for continued stay authorization for PRTF level of care are fully approved, resulting in a avg. LOS in out of state facilities of under 150 days.
7. CMHB is increasing the capacity for wraparound facilitation and services in community based settings as an alternative to facility based treatment by offering wraparound facilitator and coach training regularly.